Lease to sell Toddy and Arrack in Bangalore City.

Q.—128. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the highest bids received at the auction for the lease to sell toddy and arrack in the City of Bangalore;

(*b*) the names of persons who offered the highest bids;

(*c*) whether these bids were accepted and confirmed by the Government; if not, the reasons for not accepting them;

(*d*) whether there was any resale or whether any tenders were called for after refusing to confirm these sales;

(*e*) the person to whom the right of vending toddy in the City of Bangalore was given and the circumstances under which he was selected?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Rs. 1,80,000 per mensem for Toddy lease, and

Rs. 1,70,000 per mensem for Arrack lease.

(*b*) Sri K. N. Guruswamy for Toddy Shops.

Sri P. Framji of Messrs. D. Cawasji & Co., for Arrack Shops.

(*c*) These bids were not accepted as they were very low when compared with last year's bids.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) A higher offer of Rs. 1,85,000 per mensem made by Sri T. Thimmappa, Excise Contractor, Bangalore, has been accepted.

Sales-tax on Copra.

Q.—113. Sri T. G. THIMME GOWDA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether a levy is being collected as "Sales-tax" on the total annual turn-over of copra business even though no 'sale' takes place;

(*b*) whether any action is taken or contemplated to stop this levy?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Up to 1st April 1951 tax was being levied on the "turnover" of copra which has been defined as the amount for which the goods were *bought* by the dealer for export outside the State.

From 1st April 1951 tax is not being levied when no sale takes place. But when there are sales of copra inside the State, tax is being levied on all such sales.

(*b*) No action is called for in view of the reply to (*a*).

Distress Relief in Honnali Taluk.

Q.—123. Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Honnali).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total population affected by drought this year in Honnali Taluk;

(*b*) the amount allotted to this taluk for distress relief works;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that people are eating bamboo rice ಬಡತನ in Honnali Taluk on account of low purchasing power?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) 38,276.

		Rs.
(*b*)	1952-53 ..	32,000
	1953-54 ..	27,000

(*c*) It has been reported by the Amildar, Honnali Taluk, that in some parts of the Taluk people are eating bamboo rice.